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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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JEFFREY R. POWERS	)	Confirmation No.: 1151
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Application No.: 10/697,799	)	Group Art Unit: 3726
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Filed: October 31, 2003	)	Examiner: Essama Omgba
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FIXING ASSEMBLY HAVING RESILIENT TOOL CONNECTION		

**MAIL STOP-AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

The enclosed amendments and remarks are in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 12, 2005 for above-identified application. Please amend the application and consider the remarks as indicated on the pages which follow. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

One-Month Extension

Applicants' petition for a one-month extension of time which will extend the time for reply until August 12, 2005. Please charge the estimated small entity extension fee of \$60.00, and any other fees that may be required for this reply, to our deposit account 50-0310.

A copy of this page is enclosed for such purpose.

15 is supported by at least paragraph 25 of Applicants' specification. Claim 16 is supported by at least paragraph 21 of the specification. Claims 17 and 18 are supported by at least FIGS. 3a-3d and related parts of the specification. Claim 19 is supported by at least paragraph 26 of the specification. And claim 20 is supported by at least FIGS. 1 and 3a and related parts of the specification.


In light of the foregoing remarks and claim amendments, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner does not agree with the allowability of any pending claims, the Examiner is invited to kindly call the undersigned attorney at 212-309-6375 to discuss any remaining issues amenable to resolution on the phone in to expedite prosecution and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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